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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A light emitting device calibration system comprising:

5 a device under test including:

a light emitting device to be calibrated; and

10 a first microprocessor electrically coupled to the light emitting device for during
a calibration mode controlling power of the light emitting device by changing
values of a drive signal to the light emitting device, receiving a power indication
corresponding to light emitted by the light emitting device, and determining a
power relationship relating values of the drive signal to powers of the light
15 emitting device according to a power indication for each of a plurality of values
of the drive signal; and

a light detector coupled to the device under test for detecting the light emitted by the
light emitting device to generate the power indication corresponding to the light
20 emitted by the light emitting device; and

a non-volatile memory for storing the power relationship determined by the first
microprocessor during the calibration mode, the power relationship being used by
the first microprocessor during normal operations for controlling values of the drive
signal according to desired powers of the light emitting device;

25 wherein the device under test is an optical disc drive and the light emitting device is
a laser diode.

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2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The light emitting device calibration system of claim 1 ~~claim 2~~, wherein the non-volatile memory is a EEPROM or a FLASH.

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4. (original) The light emitting device calibration system of claim 1, wherein the light detector is a power meter having a photo sensor for receiving the light emitted by the light emitting device, and the power meter outputs an analog signal corresponding to an intensity of the light received at the photo sensor.

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5. (original) The light emitting device calibration system of claim 4, wherein the first microprocessor is directly coupled to the power meter and includes an analog to digital converter for converting the analog signal to a digital value.

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6. (original) The light emitting device calibration system of claim 4, further comprising a signal calibration circuit coupled between the device under test and the power meter, the signal calibration circuit for receiving the analog signal outputted by the power meter and outputting the power indication having an inverse relationship with the analog signal.

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7. (original) The light emitting device calibration system of claim 6, wherein the signal calibration circuit comprises:

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an operational amplifier having an inverting terminal, a non-inverting terminal, and an output terminal, wherein the output terminal is for outputting the power indication;

a voltage reference source of a predetermined voltage value coupled to the

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non-inverting terminal;

a first resistor having a first end coupled to the analog signal outputted by the power meter, and a second end coupled to the inverting terminal; and

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a second resistor having a first end coupled to the inverting terminal, and a second end coupled to the output terminal.

8. (original) The light emitting device calibration system of claim 4, wherein the first
10 microprocessor includes a digital interface complying with a transmission standard, the light emitting device calibration system further comprising:

a second microprocessor coupled between the device under test and the power meter, wherein the second microprocessor includes an analog to digital converter for
15 converting the analog signal outputted by the power meter to a digital value corresponding to the analog signal and outputs the power indication corresponding to the digital value, and the power indication complies with the transmission standard.

20 9. (original) The light emitting device calibration system of claim 8, wherein the transmission standard is RS-232 or USB.

10. (original) The light emitting device calibration system of claim 1, wherein the light
25 detector is a power meter having a photo sensor for receiving the light emitted by the light emitting device, and the power meter outputs a digital value as the power indication.

11. (original) The light emitting device calibration system of claim 10, wherein the

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power indication complies with a transmission standard, and the first microprocessor includes a digital interface complying with the transmission standard.

- 5 12. (original) The light emitting device calibration system of claim 11, wherein the transmission standard is RS-232 or USB.

13. (cancelled)

- 10 14. (currently amended) A method of light emitting device calibration, the method comprising:

providing a device under test having a light emitting device to be calibrated and a first microprocessor;

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providing a light detector;

controlling power of the light emitting device using the first microprocessor by changing values of a drive signal to the light emitting device;

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detecting light emitted by the light emitting device and generating a power indication corresponding to light emitted by the light emitting device using the light detector;

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receiving the power indication using the first microprocessor; ~~and~~

determining a power relationship relating values of the drive signal to powers of the light emitting device using the first microprocessor according to the power

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indication for a plurality of values of the drive signal; and

storing the power relationship determined by the first microprocessor in a
non-volatile memory; and during normal operations, controlling values of the drive
signal using the first microprocessor to control the power the light emitting device
according to the power relationship.

wherein the device under test is an optical disc drive and the light emitting device is
a laser diode.

15, (cancelled)

16. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the light detector is a power meter
having a photo sensor for receiving the light emitted by the light emitting device,
and the method further includes outputting an analog signal from the power meter
corresponding to an intensity of the light received at the photo sensor.

17. (original) The method of claim 16, further comprising directly coupling the first
microprocessor to the power meter, and performing an analog to digital conversion
within the first microprocessor for converting the analog signal to a digital value.

18. (original) The method of claim 16, further comprising coupling a signal calibration
circuit between the device under test and the light detector, receiving the analog
signal outputted by the power meter at the signal calibration circuit, and outputting
the power indication having an inverse relationship with the analog signal.

19. (original) The method of claim 18, further comprising:

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providing the signal calibration circuit by:

providing an operational amplifier having an inverting terminal, a non-inverting terminal, and an output terminal;

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providing a voltage reference source coupled to the non-inverting terminal;

providing a first resistor having a first end coupled to the analog signal outputted by the power meter, and a second end coupled to the inverting terminal; and

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providing a second resistor having a first end coupled to the inverting terminal, and a second end coupled to the output terminal; and

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outputting the power indication from the output terminal of the operational amplifier.

20. (original) The method of claim 16, further comprising coupling a second microprocessor between the device under test and the light detector, performing an analog to digital conversion within the second microprocessor for converting the analog signal outputted by the power meter to a digital value corresponding to the analog signal, and output the power indication corresponding to the digital value from the second microprocessor to the first microprocessor.

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21. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the light detector is a power meter having a photo sensor, and the method further comprises receiving the light emitted by the light emitting device at the photo sensor and outputting a digital value as the power indication.

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22. (cancelled)

23. (new) A system for calibrating an optical disk drive, the optical disk drive including a first processor, a light emitting device, and a non-volatile memory, the system comprising:

a light detector coupled to the optical disc drive for detecting light emitted by the light emitting device and generating a power indication corresponding to the light emitted by the light emitting device;

wherein during a calibration mode the first processor is for controlling power of the light emitting device by changing a drive signal to the light emitting device, receiving the power indication corresponding to the light emitted by the light emitting device, determining a power relationship of the drive signal to powers of the light emitting device according to the power indication for each of a plurality of values of the drive signal, and storing the power relationship in the nonvolatile memory; and during a normal operation mode the first processor is for utilizing the power relationship stored in the nonvolatile memory for controlling the values of the drive signal according to desired powers of the light emitting device.

24. (new) The system of claim 23, wherein the light detector includes a photo sensor for receiving the light emitted by the light emitting device, and an analog output for generating an analog signal corresponding to an intensity of the light received at the photo sensor.

25. (new) The system of claim 24, further comprising a signal calibration circuit coupled between the optical disc drive and the light detector, the signal calibration circuit for receiving the analog signal outputted by the light detector and generating the power

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indication having an inverse relationship with the analog signal.

26. (new) The system of claim 25, wherein the signal calibration circuit comprises:

- 5 an operational amplifier having an inverting terminal, a non-inverting terminal, and
 an output terminal, wherein the output terminal is for outputting the power
 indication;
- 10 a voltage reference source of a predetermined voltage value coupled to the
 non-inverting terminal;
- a first resistor having a first end coupled to the analog signal outputted by the light
 detector, and a second end coupled to the inverting terminal; and
- 15 a second resistor having a first end coupled to the inverting terminal, and a second
 end coupled to the output terminal.